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Dick Poucel being congratulated by his wife Elsie for winning the Ted DeGarms Trophy for the heaviest striped bass, 37 lbs. 6 ozs.

Empire Striper Assn., Inc. of Rockaway Park held their annual dinner dance and awards meeting on January 20, 1973 at the Breakers club in Rockaway. A new slate of officers were elected for 1973: Henry Pellechia, Pres.; Bill Ricca, V.P.; Ron Onorato, Sec.; Manny Duracles, Treas., and Bob Seanam, Corresponding Sec. The club came in

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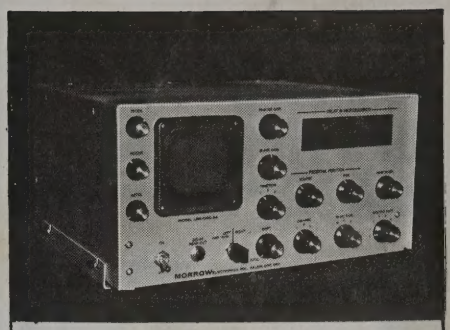

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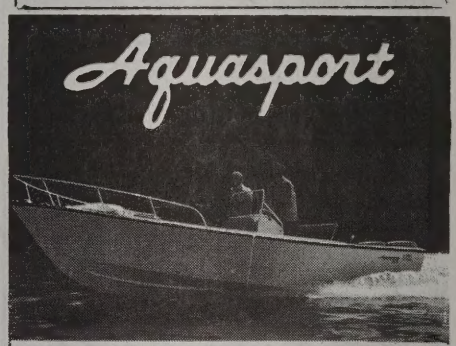

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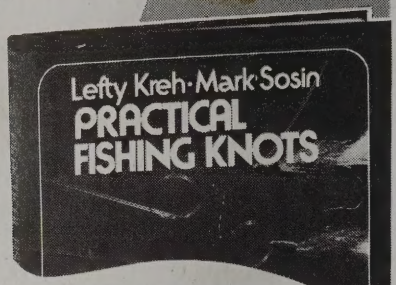

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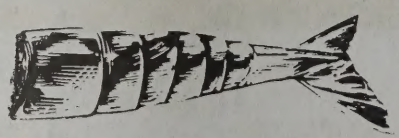

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CHUM LINES

WINTER STRIPERS

Fellow Fishermen:

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Sincerely,
Emil T. Leidner
East Meadow, N.Y.

WE TRY HARDER

Dear Sir:

I live in Brooklyn, where I picked up a copy of "Field and Stream New Guide to Salt Water Fishing." They suggest to write to you for information about fishing in your area. I would be very grateful for any information you could send me about fishing in your area.

David Owen Margilis
Brooklyn, N.Y.

David, we try to give this information in every issue of L.I.F.

Att: Dick Mermon
Dear Dick,

I notice in the picture you have three fly reels with the line on them. As this is fast becoming a popular part of salt water fishing, I think a few suggestions are in order here.

The obvious thing of course is the proper cleaning of the line with mild soap and water and a wipe down with a commercial line cleaner. Not so obvious is the storage. What I have done for years has been to get old bicycle wheels, line them with black plastic tape and store my fly lines on them. It allows them to dry properly and gives you a nice straight line. If you mount the wheel on a bracket so that it spins easily, you will find it convenient to store the line on it after each use.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind."

Sincerely
Nick Heineman
Stamford, Conn.

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FOUR NUTS

Gentlemen:

This picture taken January 7 on a freezing cold day (about 15-20°) on the water shows 4 nuts. From left to right are Doug Roth, Lou Satatello, Sett Bruno and myself, John Palmiere, Jr. The picture taker is Bill Aprea, another nut. We went out of Freeport on Capt. Jack's Star Stream. These cod are from 8-15 lbs. Doug Roth holds the pool fish which was 15 lbs. and won $38.00.

Thank you,
John Palmiere, Jr.
Bronx, N.Y.

FOR THE BATTLE

Gentlemen:

I am taking this opportunity to write to you on behalf of the battle against the Bayville-Rye Bridge.

I hope you will rally to our cause and enlighten the people of New York on the effects this project will have on our environment. Only through the efforts of concerned citizens can we stop the total destruction of Bayville and an unwanted bridge.

Very truly yours,
Robert J. Filardi
Bayville, N.Y.

AGAINST THE BATTLE

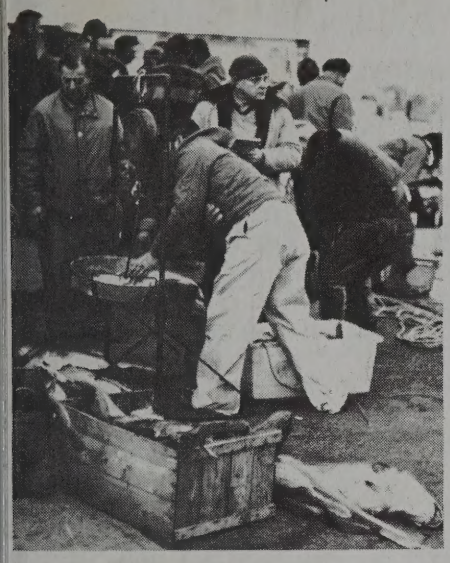
Gentlemen:

I wish to express myself in behalf of other citizens who are in favor of the Bridge being built.

Thank you,
A.J. Hansen
New York, N.Y.

CHILLER COD TOURNEY

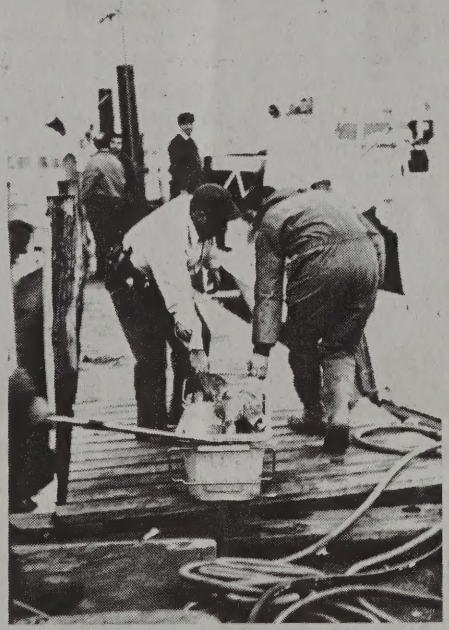
Roy Stilz advises that 50 boats and approximately 300 anglers weighed in almost 9,000 lbs. of cod during this tournament in November . . .

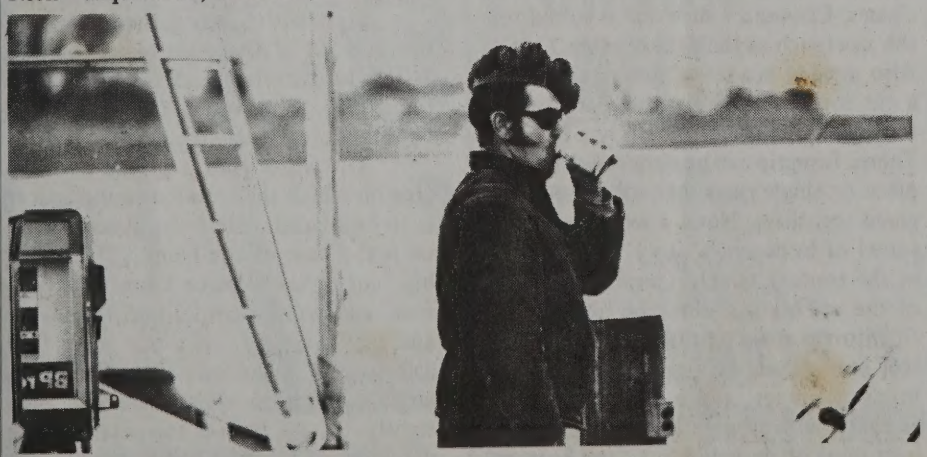


Stan Ferret, EBA, 27 lbs.

Marty Harris, EBA Freeport Weigh-in.

Nick Pasquierello, 39¾ lbs., 2nd place.





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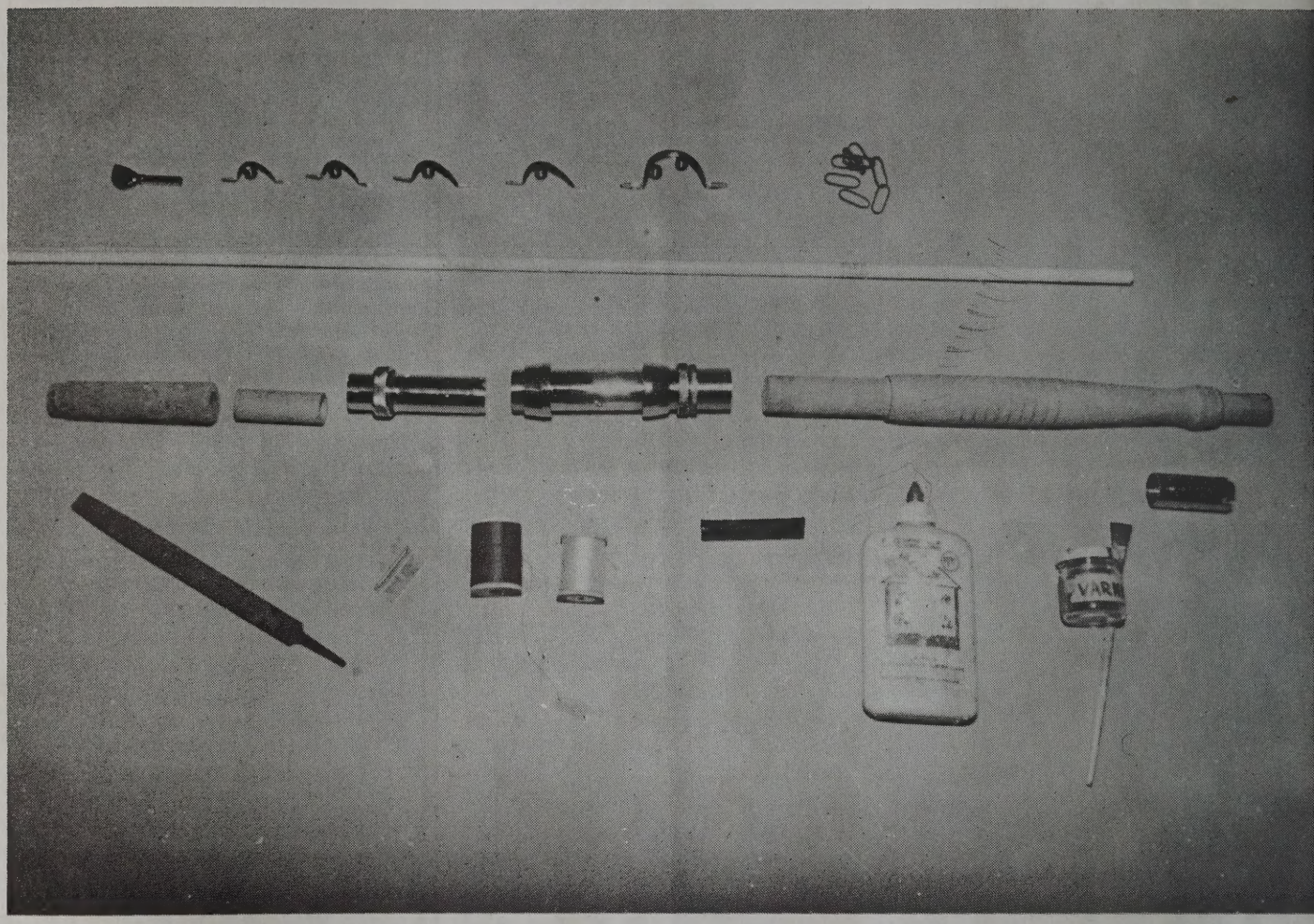
CUSTOM ROD BUILDING

THE TROLLING RODS

by Dick Mermon



Everything you need to custom build your own trolling rod. Photos by Dick Mermon

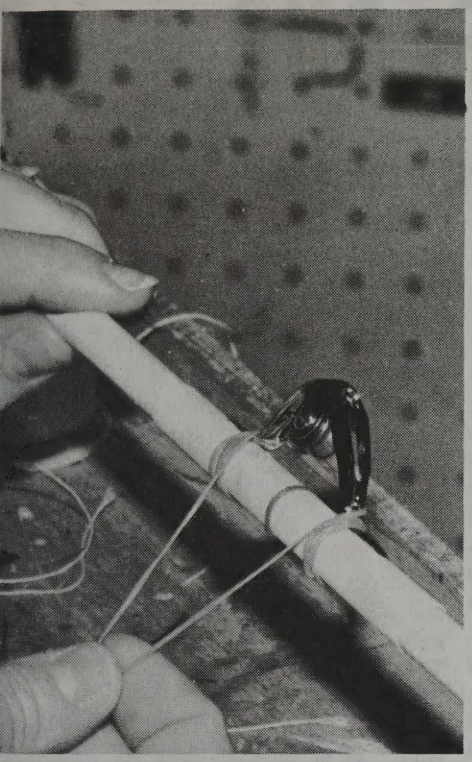
ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT rods to build was discussed in the previous issues (Nos. 4 and 5, 1973). This was the spinning rod, from light action to the eleven and a half surf rod.

Now we come to the popular "trolling" or "big game" rod. There are two types of these rods for boat fishermen. The first is the standard guide rod and the other is the roller guide. The latter is used by big game fishermen, with shark, tuna and billfish. The roller guides are used because of the tremendous friction on the carbide metal from the rubbing of the running line, which can damage the line. With wheel-rolls in the frame the friction's build-up is slight.

The choice of whether you want to first build a 20, 30, 50, 80 or a 130 pound class rod is up to you. Each and every one of them are similarly constructed. The best choice would be a 30-pound class rod to start. This one can be used for almost all types of trolling, still bait, or chum-drift fishing. After you get your feet wet with this one you can go either up or down the classes. Choose a blank that is suited for the size (such as the Shakespeare 7165). Also needed is a set of roller guides and a tip top matched for the diameter of the tip of the blank, possibly a No. 14. Then a foregrip can be either cork of one piece or single rings that will have to be glued together. Next, a wooden spacer (dowl of between ¾" to 1" with a hole in the center), which is used at the base of the rod blank, below the foregrip, to fit into the male part of the ferrel. The reel seat should be from 15/16" to 1" inside diameter, and a heavy duty one at that; with double locking nut. The butt must be designed to fit the bottom of the reel seat and on the base of the butt a chrome brass gimbal. All that is needed now is the white, all-purpose wood glue; a stick of ferrel cement the colored winding thread and five or six rubber bands.

Start with sanding the gloss from the bottom of the glass blank, lightly as not to disturb the glass fibers under the shine. Sand only the area that will hold the foregrip and the wooden spacer.

The white glue is spread over the area on which the wooden round spacer is to be placed. Slide the spacer sleeve onto the base of the blank. If it is too big, cut a small piece from it lengthwise, and wrap a cord about the spacer and blank tightly. If a one piece fore arm is used, make sure that the hole is large enough to slide onto the area tightly. If the hole is too small for the diameter of the rod blank, then it can



Base wind on, the roller guide is held in place by a rubber band.

On the winding wheels, red is ready to be wound.

be made larger with the use of a round file. (Single cords will have to be glued and drilled out individually. See previous articles. The one piece grip is already formed and sanded.) Once the foregrip is completed, dried and sanded to the size that is needed, the male ferrel can be attached. Heat the stick of ferrel cement until it slightly liquefies, and rub it over the wooden spacer. Heat the male ferrel slightly and push it onto the cement-covered wood spacer. The heat from the ferrel will melt the cement and it should go on easily. Once it is on, heat it again slightly, so that the ferrel cement will impregnate into the metal and wood, bonding both firmly together. Cool the metal under cold water and continue on to the next step.

Take the butt section (which should be smoothly sanded) and, using the ferrel cement once again, heat it and rub it over the top section of the butt that will fit into the main part of the reel seat. If by chance the butt section was too large, then it should have been filed down to fit. If it was too small (ever so slightly), then line criss-crossed over the top of the butt will make it fit tight. Again heat the reel seat where the butt will fit into the seat and push the wood butt into it. Never heat the wood butt section or you might find it burns very easily with the cement on it. Once the reel seat is on, it can be heated as before to melt the cement inside. Do the same with the gimbal at the base of the butt, making sure that the cross-inserts, in the gimbal, are straight with the reel seat. This way, when the rod is in the holder of the boat, it will be straight up and down with the line of the reel and the tip top.

Time now to think of the color for the guide windings. This is up to the constructor of the rod, however, the under color should be lighter than the over wind. Once the color choice is made, the tip top should be placed on. It should be straight in line with the reel seat and glued with ferrel cement in the same manner as before.

The guides should be placed on according to the bend of the blank used. The first guide should be no further than twenty inches from the reel seat and then the others up the blank, evenly separated. Mark each center of the guide and then measure off the width of the windings.

Use the same winding manner stated in Part II of this series in L.I.F., and the same for the finishing-off of the winding thread. Once all the underwindings are completed, a coating of clear lacquer or colorless nail polish is applied to hold them in place. Once dry, the guides are placed onto the base winding. Rubber bands will hold each in the spot that they are to be mounted. Use the same method to wind them on, except a darker color should be the over-wind: one that will match and not clash in color.

After all the guides are wound either once or twice (twice will hold better), they are checked for straightness. A coating of clear lacquer is once again put on the windings to tighten them.

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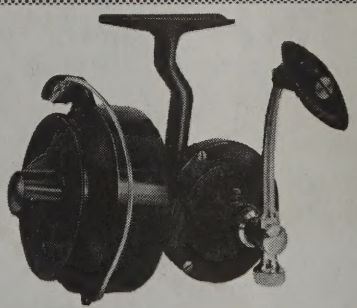

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ON THE USE OF OUR FISHERIES

by FRANK BERRAFATO

WAS THE HUDSON RIVER meant to be a natural carrier of industrial wastes, garbage, and other material? Was it inevitable that there would be offshore oil rigs in the Atlantic? Is the proposed Consolidated Edison plant at Storm King a necessity concurrent with our highly industrialized, urban society? In other words, just how were our rivers, streams, and oceans to be used? Were they to be utilized with no thought of the future, or perhaps, to be preserved in their natural state, not to be used by anyone?

The larger questions raised here are old ones, and they were brought up by such zealous, far-sighted conservationists as President Theodore Roosevelt (1900-1908) and Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester in the Roosevelt Administration. The future of fishery resources held only a small niche in the beginnings of the modern day conservation movement, but yet, it held an interesting place. Conservationists during the Theodore Roosevelt years attempted to enlighten the public by putting forward multi-purpose river, stream, harbor, ocean, forest, irrigation, and soil development programs. Fishery resources were only a small link in the early conservation movement, which did teach, among other things, that unwarranted cutting of forests (clear-cutting) would cause soil erosion (a disadvantage to the farmers), which would permit soil, dirt, and other materials to be washed into streams and rivers, producing muddy, dirty waters, and also resulting in the destruction of fish eggs. But, there has been a shift in emphasis in recent years, and the fate of various salt and fresh water species of fish have gained enough public support to stand on its own two feet.

Why did this important change occur? The problems which plague the present day fishing industry, both commercial and sport, are great and varied. Oil spills, power generating plants, and foreign intrusion are some of the significant factors which add new dimensions to the problems of Long Island's fishery resources, effecting not only the quantity and quality of the fish, but also the very existence of the fishing areas themselves. These problems are representative of both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Oil, sometimes referred to as "liquid gold," is a peculiar type of pollutant. It is a symbol of an industrialized society,

Photo by VINCE GUAGLIANONE

Wading River marsh near the Shoreham Atomic Plant.

a necessity needed to keep machines running. But oil is fatal to marine life; it clashes with living things. Globs of oil have frequently decorated the beaches on the North and South shores of Long Island, destroying literally tons of marine life. The beach at Fire Island is a prime example of this situation.

While oil has adversely altered the scenic beauty of many beaches, and made them impractical for use either by fishermen or swimmers, oil has also penetrated into the living fish which happen to reside or pass through these waters. Fishermen were first to notice the deteriorating quality of some species of fish in various areas. The Staten Island shoreline reflects, on a small scale, the faltering quality of various fish, particularly striped bass. Stripers caught in the Fort Wadsworth - South Beach - Midland Beach area are considered inedible by most anglers, and are usually released, regard less of size.

On a more broader level, the public has been made aware of the declining quality of our fishery resources. Swordfish, at one time a popular delicacy in the fish market, were shown to be mercury laden, and unfit for consumption. Consequently, commercial pressure on swordfish has been greatly decreased, and as a result the swordfish population has increased, and experts have predicted a good harvest for the swordfish tournaments this year. At this time, specimens of other fish and marine life found on the South shore of Long Island are undergoing an ecological analysis by scientists.

While oil is a symbol of an industrialized society, so are power generating plants, needed to supply New York City's growing needs. The operation of the plants at Indian Point 2 and the proposed Storm King plant will result in an end of good fishing in the Hudson River and Long Island Sound, since literally millions of striped bass have been and will be destroyed by these operations. Con Ed appears as the villain, and their battle with conservationists, sportsmen, biologists, and concerned citizens brings up the question of utility and industrial responsibilities towards society, wildlife, fishery resources, and the environment in general.

Utilities and industries do have a responsibility. Just as no one has the right to clear-cut forests with no thought of the future, no one has the right to indiscriminately destroy our fishery resources. The key factors should be efficiency and responsibility; no wastes or wanton destruction. Efficiency was the key word of the early conservationists, and it should be emphasized today. It would mean that Con Ed would have to look for efficient and responsible alternatives, such as closed circuit cooling, already practiced by many utilities. It would mean that industries would have to devise alternatives for disposal of waste materials - - methods which would not destroy fish life in the Hudson. Commercial and sport fishermen would only be permitted to harvest certain specified quantities of fish every year.

Foreign fleets working off the Atlantic coast, particularly in an area known as the Mud Hole, present a complex situation. The wasteful netting and commercial practices of the Russian trawlers have threatened our fishery resources in this area, although the whiting, hake, and codfish have suffered the brunt of this wastefulness.

Russian trawlers, oil, and power generating plants have started to encourage democracy to erupt at the grassroots level - - in the forms of sportsmens' clubs, conservationists, biologists, and concerned citizens groups - - pushing for various types of legislation and trying to arouse public opinion. For example, a group called the Save Our Bays Association of Seaford, L.I., is advocating a 200 mile limit extended to keep the Russians from infringing on our fishery rights. Another group, called the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, organized in order to clean up the Hudson River, have been exposing the big industrial polluters, and also encouraging the public to fish the majestic Hudson River for striped bass.

It is my opinion that our best chances to save our fishery resources lay in the field of education. Beginnings have already been made in the important area of the education of our youth. As reported in the New York Times, a program called the National Environment Education Development (NEED) was instituted by the National Park Service. Its purpose is to help children relate the changes in the environment to their own lives and to illustrate how pollution is caused. Yet, this is only a beginning. More work has to be done in this area.

It is predictable that, if the "Calls" of grassroot democracy are not heeded, and if efficiency and responsibility are not borne together: In years to come fish will become a rarity. Or we will have hatchery raised salt-water fish, species which have never seen the wilds.

Our fishery resources still exist as a part of wilderness. In order to keep them, we must encourage an appreciation of our fishing areas on Long Island and the surrounding areas. We must encourage our young people to go fishing.

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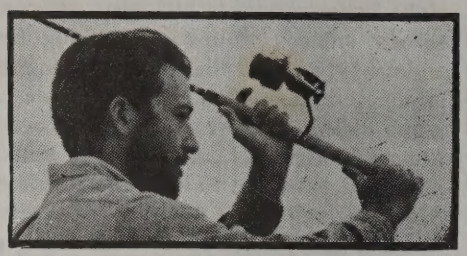

THE BOAT AS A FISHING TOOL

PART 1 - 3 Small Classes

by AL REINFELDER

YOUR BOAT, no less than your rod, reel, line and lures, is an integral part of your fishing tackle. Your total catch as well as the pleasure you derive from your sport will depend on how well your boat is suited to the type of fishing you do, how well your boat is rigged and outfitted, and how well you know how to use it.

The first thing to do is to define just exactly what you want your boat to do. No boat can do everything - in fact, the range is quite narrow - so compromise will be necessary. Many anglers just getting into boat fishing fail to delineate what they expect from a craft, and are then quite disappointed in the resulting limitations they face when they finally start using their new equipment.

We will list a variety of boat purposes below, suggest the kinds of boats most suitable to satisfy these purposes, and then outline a few customizing features which you may want to consider. Bear in mind that every boat is a custom boat - nothing comes from the dealer "ready to use."

(1) The surf fisherman's friend

No knight-of-the-beach is immune to the feelings of frustration which gather like the terns when fish break just beyond the range of one's longest cast. At times, when bass or blues are breaking in a maelstrom of foam and spray, it may be nice to know that there are some places and some conditions so hostile to man that fish, birds and bait can play their drama undisturbed by rod or net. But when the surf is flat, and the fish tempt you most unkindly from their distant feeding station, you may find yourself looking around for a driftwood log to sail you quickly out that extra 50 yards you need to reach them with your lure. Several types of boats will serve such an angler handsomely - certainly better than a tar-smeared beach log.

The least cumbersome craft for this type of emergency operation is the inflatable rubber life raft. You can keep such a "vessel" rolled up in a duffle bag in the trunk of your car or buggy. All you have to do is blow it up and off you go. Or, if you are the boy scout type, you can blow it up ahead of time and have it ready on the roof or in the back section of a wagon. The disadvantages of inflatable rubber craft include the time it takes to blow them up (usually around 15 minutes) by which time feeding predators may have moved from Bayville to Rye (and without benefit of "the bridge"). But, as indicated, preliminary expansion defeats this problem - while taking away the small-space advantage of a deflated "dough-nut."

A second disadvantage of the balloon-boat is its susceptibility to rot. The army surplus (yellow) type is particularly bad in this regard. Three years is more than you can expect from such a boat, and you can get this only by keeping your boat at even temperatures and in dry air during the winter. The modern Avons and Zodiacs are much better in this respect, although they cost quite a bit more, too.

Rubber boats can only be used in relatively calm seas. Although they will work as survival craft in gales, you cannot really fish properly when you are faced with more than a modest chop. Again, the Zodiac-types are better than the surplus-types because of their superior design - which includes a substantial wooden floor, and a transom for outboard motor addition. Swift currents are to be avoided, but can be dealt with easier than can strong winds.

Rubber boats call for minimum gear. I carry oars, light anchor (mine is a box car spring), gaff (with protected tip), and fishing gear. Lou Palma, who owns a Zodiac, features a small outboard and rod holders and an electronic fish finder (Garcia). Patch-up gear should be kept in the buggy, or on board if you are going on an extended trip.

If you have the room, a small aluminum boat is superior in many ways to the rubber boat as a surf fisherman's friend. Kib Bramhall of the Salt Water Sportsman used to launch into the surf with a nine foot "tin" boat. This is far and away the smallest craft of its type I have ever heard of in the briny. Twelve footers are the smallest I would recommend for the present purpose, and 14' the largest. Remember, we are talking about boats to supplement, not replace, surf fishing. Boats over 14 feet cannot reasonably be used as cartoppers; and a surf fisherman's friend should not require a trailer. If you do go into this larger type of tin boat, you are moving into another category of boat, which will be discussed later on.

The main thing about a cartop tin boat is lightness of weight and correct design. The boat should be a regular runabout design, such as your typical Star Craft, Grumman, Sears, Aero, etc. Simple fore and aft roof racks are fine, but additional wood running lengthwise makes it so much easier to get the boat back up again. The bow is simply propped up on the wood running along the side, and then the stern is lifted. At this point you can pivot the whole boat into its final position.

Gear for surf-launching light craft should be ABC simple: oars, anchor, life cushions, and tackle. If needed, a small (10 HP or less) outboard can be used as well.

Surf fishermen's friends are best employed on Long Island's North shore where the water will more often allow launching. Montauk's north side will also provide opportunities for quick launches, but not for the rubber craft which should be saved for the Sound and for South shore bays. Anyone who regularly casts along bay shores should favor the rubber craft for the ultimate in simplicity; but also because of this boat's very quiet nature - something we will touch on in the next category.

(2) Sneak Boats

There are many very special fishing spots on Long Island which are extremely productive only if fished with very small, very quiet boats. A shore-bound angler may be limited by his casting range, and a normal boater will be limited by his craft's size, clumsiness or noisiness. What I have specifically in mind are the various creeks which flow into Long Island Sound from Udall's Cove out to Wading

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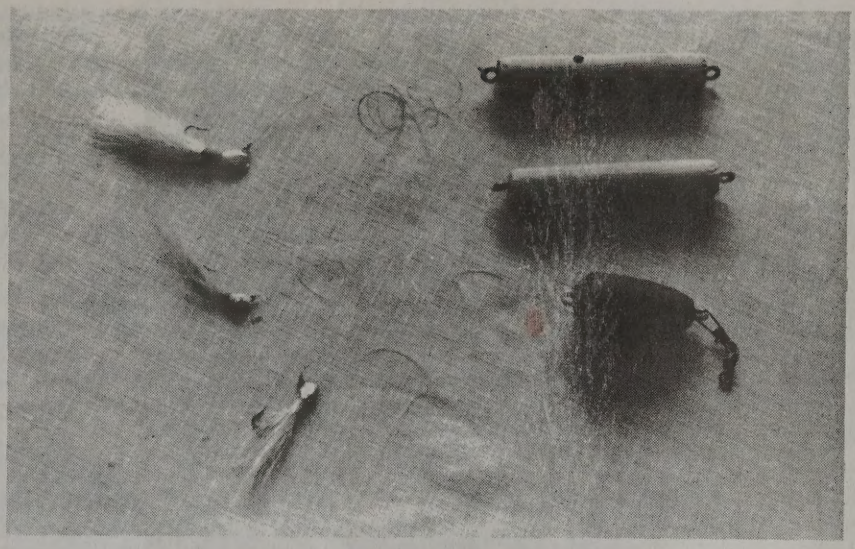
Strictly Casting

Early Springtime Lures



VINCE GUAGLIANONE

PART 1 THE CHEATER

FOR EVEN SO BRIEF A PERIOD as the early springtime there are many artificial lures that serve shore fishermen well. Neither one man, much less one write-up could possibly do justice to all the good lures. The following are only a few productive lures, and only the ones with which I have caught stripers and a few pollack in early springtime . . . Remember, each man has his own experience; each his own techniques; his own discoveries; his own luck and his own talents to develop - talents to be called out how sharply by the 'tighter' conditions of shore fishing. Only to a certain extent can all of this be generalized and communicated to other persons.

And so in a certain true sense: each man has his own lures. And when through the ongoing challenge of shore fishing you find which lures are 'your own': then you have found one of your 'best friends' for this fishing, and without quitting the essential conditions of our particular sport.

From the beginning of a normal April to mid-May, this rig works for bass in most flat but rippy waters and some slight surf: from Rhode Island down to Long Island's north shore, and back up to the quaint little ecological bridges of Martha's Vineyard. Of course this lure will work after May, with permission from the blade-mouth blowfish and the chomping blues. However, as Ted Wells says: "When those bass start to sock at the Cheater instead of taking the jig, why, you know it's high time to switch to a true plug. And each year that time can't come too soon for me."

It was Ted Wells, my Rhody surf patriarch who nicknamed this old Upperman rig "The Cheater," because the wood-part floats and splashes (perhaps helping to attract fish) while the jig behind it, jigs. Ted introduced this lure to me, and showed how simple it is to make and how to use it. Now is the time to make some . . .

The first two Cheaters (top to bottom in photo) are merely of 4-inch broomstick (which should be sealed, and is often painted). The top one - notice - is weighted with lead wool by drilling the hole and shoving in the wool. The wood should not be weighted so heavy as to drag down the wood dauber. Stainless screw-eyes are best, and should be long-stemmed. The length of the leader can vary: 20 to 26 inches; and it should be at least 30-pound test for knot strength as well as for wear around rocks; and tied by at least the clinch knot.

Virtues of the Cheater. To enable a longer cast of a small Upperman jig. To keep that jig above kelp and rock during a slow, slow, so effective retrieve. To enable a sporatic retrieve when a steady-paced one does not work - and yet still in those rocky waters. To help you give that jig a more natural, shrimp-like action just above the bottom and in the inevitably shallow water (most times) that you shall be reaching by the sporting shore-based cast. (Men compelled to fish for royal stripers in boats, will find this other Cheater of ours invaluable for certain pieces of water that they might wish to work by casting - as at Suicide Alley off Mattinecock, for example; or beside the furthest of the Reeves Wrecks) . . . As I said last year: Halt the retrieve, the jig drops. Kick back the rod, the jig rises (while the wood splashes - and you can almost hold it this way for quite a while in a good current). Put it to a rip and work it slow . . .

The more shallow the water, the shorter the leader can be; short as 20 inches which affords the longer cast. But if the shoal water runs fast (which is best) it is good for the leader to be longer, so that the jig can drop down on the pausing, long-pause retrieve . . . The only reason for the big snap swivel (on the third Cheater in the photo - made by Hap Kaine of Narragansett) is to switch quickly from one to another Cheater: either to go from white to a yellow bucktail, or from a short to a longer leader . . . Of course, the Cheater is primarily a schoolie snatcher - except for a 30-pounder at West Harbor (Bayville) in late April, 1969; though the water was ripless that tidal stage. This was the best catch for a Cheater that I know of. But for this catch, much is owed to the alewife-run early spring in Bayville waters; one of the last spots on Long Island hosting alewives, as we all learned from an article by Al Reinfelder some time ago . . . Whether these early herring will still choose Oyster Bay after Rockefeller's Bridge is built, is one of those questions which some readers consider irrelevant for our discussion; as I found out over a year ago when I first started complaining about the Bridge.

Other shores apart from Rhode Island where I have released rats and kept edible schoolies by the Cheater's virtues: Centre Island (Bayville); Crab Meadow Beach last year; West Meadow Beach; Mt. Sinai Beach - all on the north shore; and also further out east on the North Fork, by the Reeves Beach Wrecks, where buggies need River-

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GETTING READY

by DON VETTER

PART 1

THERE IS A STRANGE THING which happens to trout fishermen around this time of year. A certain far away look appears in their eyes. Chores around the house and work on the job are performed in a half-hearted haze. But the lure-and-fly boxes, rods and reels do come out of winter storage for perusal; and memories of past trout trips compete with plans for the coming season as hook hones are applied, and lines are inspected.

The cause of all this upheaval is the approach of the trout season's opening day. The long winter is at last drawing to a close, even if the weather outside sometimes belies the fact. Yet the fisherman is more than ready; indeed he is champing at the bit. But what about that tackle? Is it in top shape or does it show signs of neglect? These next few weeks should reward us with the enjoyment of tackle-preparation.

To start by examining the reels: the single-action fly reel is unquestionably the simplest reel to care for due to the few moving parts. The ventilated spool type (the one with the holes) is the oldest type of fly reel which remains in use today; and some of our finest reels are still made this way. The purpose of the ventilation was to allow the rapid drying of the silk fly lines, once in common use. But the synthetic lines of today may be stored wet on the reel, without harm, which is why many modern-design single action fly reels are of the closed construction spool type.

Many of us still use the old ventilated single action. Its chief maintenance problem is from the tendency of sand and grit to enter the mechanism via the ventilation holes. The only solution is a periodic takedown and thorough cleaning with kerosene or other solvent. When reassembling the reel, it should be lubricated (lightly) with a good grade of oil (not grease). Hoppe's No. 9 gun oil is a good choice, as it resists extremes of temperature without turning gummy. A touch of silicone grease on the click pawl will smooth its operation.

When lubricating the fly reel, be sure not to get any grease or oil on the drag shoe (usually made of leather or composition-material in these older type reels) or on the bearing surface it contacts, as this defeats the whole function of the friction-brake drag system. Many of the modern enclosed-spool single actions employ such as magnetic drags to achieve the same purpose, and require no particular maintenance. As for automatics, I have found even the best of them troublesome, particularly with large fish which are best played on the reel rather than stripped in. If you use an automatic fly reel, follow the maintenance instructions in the owner's manual.

Spinning reels, today's most popular fresh water reels, are much more complex than single action fly reels. Assuming the spin reel is operating relatively smoothly (no chipped or broken gear teeth), and the spool is oscillating freely in and out on its shaft, there is no reason why basic maintenance may not be performed by the angler himself.

Remove the side plate and check for grit in the gear grease. If you find any, the reel must be taken down completely and the parts soaked in solvent. If the grease seems free of foreign matter, just re-spread it on the gear teeth. Don't worry if the old grease appears dark; all lubes discolor in use, and this does not detract from its lubricating qualities. A drop of light oil (see your service manual) on the spool shaft and anti-reverse mechanism, may be in order. If complete re-lube is required, use silicone grease sparingly on the gear surfaces; excess lube adds nothing to reel performance.

The next item to check is the line roller: does it roll freely? A stuck roller will twist your line at least, and at worst may become grooved through the constant friction of the line passing over a single spot. Remove the roller from its shaft, and oil that shaft (and bearing, if one is present). Don't overtighten the nut, when replacing the roller on the shaft. Check it again, to see if it now revolves freely.

Check the drag to be sure that it doesn't bind at various settings. A balky drag can be fatal with 2 pound

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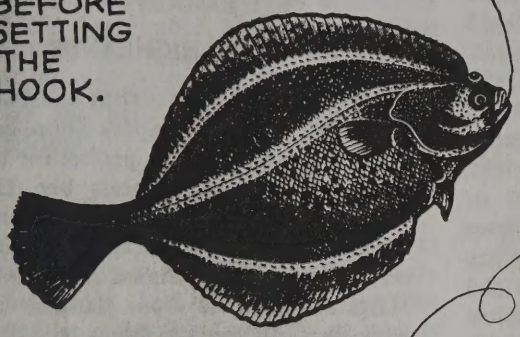
THE IDES OF MARCH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

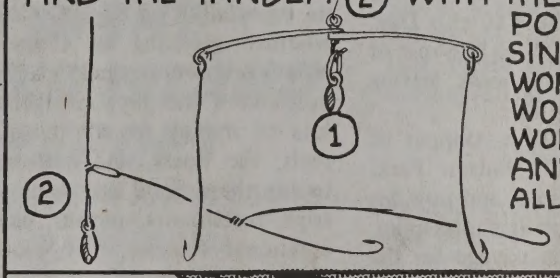
HISTORICALLY THE "*IDES OF MARCH*" REFERRED TO THE JULIUS CAESER RUBOUT, BUT IN THESE PARTS IT MEANS THE START OF FISHING.

THE FLATTIES ARE IN!! THE TASTY FLOUNDER IS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED ON BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND. IT STARTS STIRRING IN THE MUD IN FEBRUARY BUT IS ALWAYS RUNNING BY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

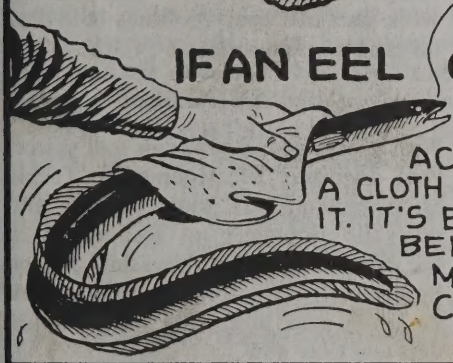
YOU'LL HOOK MORE FISH WITH BAIT IF YOU TAKE IN ALL THE SLACK BEFORE SETTING THE HOOK.



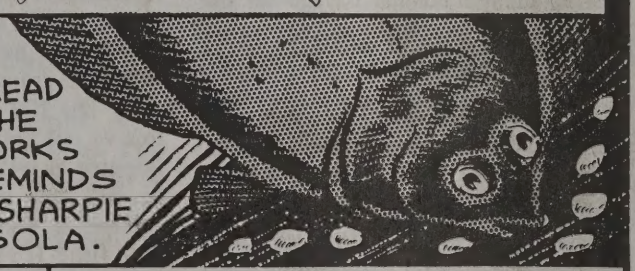
STANDARD RIGS ARE THE SPREADER ① AND THE TANDEM ② WITH THE LIGHTEST POSSIBLE SINKER. BLOOD-WORMS, SAND-WORMS, GARDEN WORMS, MUSSELS AND CLAMS ARE ALL GOOD BAIT.



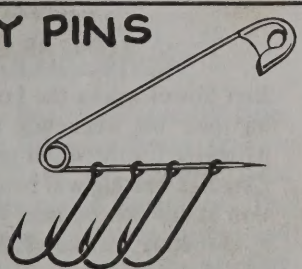
IF AN EEL GETS INTO THE ACT, USE A CLOTH TO HOLD IT. IT'S EASIER, BELIEVE ME, TO CUT THE HOOK!



CORN CHUM SPREAD UNDER THE BOAT WORKS WELL, REMINDS FISHING SHARPIE TED CASOLA.



SAFETY PINS MAKE A REAL NEAT HOOK HOLDER, SAYS PAUL VAN THOMME



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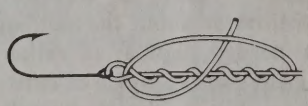
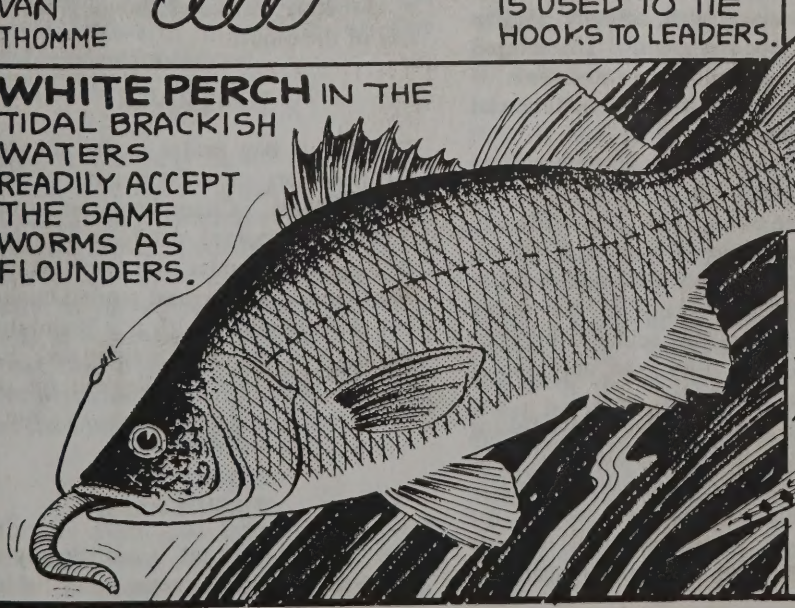


CLINCH KNOT IS USED TO TIE HOOKS TO LEADERS.

YOU CAN STILL HUNT!

WHITE PERCH IN THE TIDAL BRACKISH WATERS READILY ACCEPT THE SAME WORMS AS FLOUNDERS.



THE PRESERVE SEASON ON LONG ISLAND AND UPSTATE GOES THROUGH MARCH.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

THE BEGINNING! The first day of March, mild and bright with sunshine, and suddenly, winter is behind us. Sure, we could see a snowstorm, or some bitter cold weather, but once this day is past, these things are only temporary inconveniences, interruptions in the gradual change back to warm sunshine, swimming, camping, and FISHING.

I called Capt. John Minnitti, skipper of the Delmar, moored one block off Exit 3 of the Conn. Tpke. in Greenwich. This year's first trip sails at 8:00 AM on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Capt. John will sail through the rest of the season, 7 days of every week, leaving the dock at 8:00 AM.

Capt. Harry Pearson, skipper of the Klondike, out of Hudson Park, New Rochelle, has retired, and now his son, Capt. Pete Pearson is the skipper. He's planning a maiden voyage for the year on April 1st, but should the warming trend continue, he'll try to sail sooner.

Bridgeport skippers, Capt. Ed Brower and Capt. Steve Seman plan similar sailings. Steve Seman, who skippers the Hurricane, out of Parsells Dock, plans to sail on St. Patty's Day, and Ed Brower will pilot the Dolphin from its E. Main St. berth on April 1st. Both Bridgeport boats sail Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until May 1st, when they switch to a seven day schedule.

Next week, we're planning on info concerning the Theresa-L out of Norwalk, and some boats further up the line. Any party boats, open charters, etc., who might be new, or I may have missed, can send along their sailing schedules. Readers from Westchester to New London will be passed the information.

We also hope to have a complete listing of boat liveries up and down the Conn. - Westchester side of the Sound by next week.

We were able to reach old friend Fred Archer of the Mamaroneck Fishing Station today. His boats will be ready for a March 24th opening, along with a full line of bait and equipment.

FLOUNDER are the early birds of the piscatorial kingdom. How many words can be written about flounder. Well, quite a few.

The flounder picture for Conn. looks good through the crystal ball. Last year, flounder were larger than usual along the Conn. shoreline, with some great catches around the Norwalk Islands in the month of April. Add to this, the abnormally mild winter we've just experienced, and it should spell a big plus for the flattie season to come.

Course, we could, and will write another piece on Quincy flounder, which shouldn't be more than a week or two behind those caught in local waters.

The environmental problems in the coming season are astronomical. First, we have the Hudson River Striped Bass problem. The STRIPED BASS FUND has been formed for our benefit, yours and mine. It is the only POSSIBLE chance we have to preserve our striped bass fishing. Industry is against us, especially Con Edison. Government, whether speaking of Connecticut or New York, will not help us. That leaves you and I, the guys and gals who pay lots of money for all those rods and reels, the boats, and motors, gasoline to run them, food and drink for fishing trips, restaurants, motels, campers, recreational vehicles, bait, clothing, and oh so much more. It's up to us to spend even more, to wage a battle to enjoy this grand crazy sport of fishing.

The 200 mile limit, another battle, to save, not only our sport, but a natural resource as well. Will we win it in time, or will our offshore fishing grounds become a vacuum, void of sport and food fish? It's up to us.

Almost every community has their local problems. Here in Westport, there's a controversy about the building of a much needed marina, or rather, the improvement and expansion of existing space. Less than five hundred yards away, one of the finest clamming grounds along the Conn. shoreline is in danger of disappearing. Well, actually, they're not going to disappear. The alleged agreement, according to informants, is to lease the clam beds to a commercial shellfisherman.

He'll harvest the clams, depositing a certain percentage in other areas off of Westport for citizens. Seems though, the clams will be deposited in fifteen to twenty feet of water, and I really don't think that many of our senior citizen clammers have scuba diving gear. But, it's a long story, and only one of many along our shores.

It's a good thing we'll have fishing soon. There'll be flounder and bass, and mackerel and weakfish, and blackfish, and bluefish, but heck we can't go too fast, or the season will be over and we'll have winter facing us again.

Conn. anglers can fish the sweet water in March, providing the ice is out. Rainbow Lake Trout Farm in North Haven, and the Fisherman's paradise in Danbury, offer trout fishing at its finest for a daily fee. Soon as the ice breaks we'll let you know. Meanwhile, check your equipment and get ready.

HUDSON RIVER NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

Flounder fishing is just getting underway according to Julian's Sport Shop, and the warm weekend was perfect for the Shrewsbury River. Locals like Len Castle and John Imagallia use only enough weight to keep the bait right on the bottom. Joe Julian and his wife Margarate returned from Hatteras last week and had over 35 blues to 8 lbs., all caught in the surf.

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MONMOUTH BEACH

With blood and sandworms still scarce, Paul Siciliano of Monmouth Tackle Shop recommends squid as bait and says the flounders hit well on it in the Shrewsbury and Navasink Rivers. Spermecetti Cove along the Sandy Hook Park will start producing winter flounders any time now.

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LONG BRANCH

Bart Sowel works the Long Branch fishing pier on weekends and is waiting patiently for the water to warm slightly. Ling and whiting will be the main attraction at the pier by next week, with even a few stray mackerel showing by the end of the month.

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TOMS RIVER

The Mathis Bay Bridge is the hot spot for flounders says Ed Swartz of Bay Bridge Boats. Chum helps and some fishermen reported catching as many as 20 to 25 flounder over the weekend. Best chum is the typical ground bunker but catfood mixed with rice is about as good. Not too much weight here, but enough lead to keep the bait on the bottom.

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SEASIDE PARK

The beach buggy set is out already at the back of the Barnegat Inlet fishing

for flatties. Art Weeast of Jean & Arts Tackle Shop confirms that the best rig is the Hi-Lo type, using No. 10 Chestertown hooks with bloodworms. The Causeway Bridge is good for small boaters and good catches are reported. Look for better fishing with a few warm days to get the fish active. Bass should be hitting the worm baits in a week or two.

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LONG BEACH ISLAND

Vince Goddard's in Ships Bottom reports good flounder action at the Causeway Bridge, along the banks throughout Little Egg Harbor, along the bulkhead behind the Acme Market and at the bulkheads at Barnegat Light. Worms are the best baits put right on the bottom.

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GREAT BAY

The first striped bass of the season was weighed in at the Great Bay Marina on Saturday. Tom Henrich put the fish on the scales for Lance Henry who is just ten years old. His bass weighed 3 lbs. 3 ozs. and hit a bloodworm while the boy was flounder fishing at Graviling Point. Flounder fishing is good in the Great Bay area, with the fastest action at Graviling Point, the mouth of the Mullica River, at Mystic Islands and the old fish factory (alias, the stink house). Mixed in with the flounder were a number of reported short bass, so look for this fishing to improve if the warm weather holds.

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MULLICA RIVER

Stan Cramer's Boat Yard reported stripers too. Most fish were shorts taken on bloodworms from the Garden State Parkway Bridge out to Great Bay. The flounder fishing is getting better and good catches of 15 or more fish were taken home for the pan.

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VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle reports good tommy cod fishing at the old Day Liner Dock at Bear Mountain Park. Bits of sandworms on flounder hooks and a one ounce sinker are the ticket. It's easy to fill a bucket with these tasty fish says Ace, and the season is at its peak for bigger tommies right now. Stripers should start hitting bloodworms at the Oyster Beds in a week or two.

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CROTON

Croton Point has been having good tommy fishing and Richie Ferris feels the fish are now at their largest for the season. Stripers will be taken on bloodworms at the sandy beach at Crawbuckie and at the mouth of the Croton River.

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FORT LEE

Ed Graser of the Outdoorsmen Ltd. has trouble keeping worms in stock; there are so many tommy cod fishermen out on the weekends. Locals like the Egger Brothers have been catching plump tommies all winter. These easy-to-catch fish are great sport for youngsters too, and help the older generation fight off the first symptoms of spring fishing fever.

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NEW YORK BIGHT LONG ISLAND REPORT

RONNIE LEPPER SCOTT SIMONS

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop did not have much to report other than the fact that the local talent is trying very hard without much success. Very few fish were taken around Great Kills Park. Len feels the fishing will break loose by next week. In previous years that has usually been the beginning of the good fishing. He also reports that the bass boys are wearing out the floor waiting for April 1st and the entrance of old Roccus.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Miffia of Mike's Tackle heard of a few fair catches of cod, ling and whiting caught aboard some of the head boats. The bigger boats are fishing 17 Fathoms and the area around Ambrose. Fishing is genreally slow. The Pilot II had some better than average catches for this time of the year at the Scall. Ridge. The Ridge is a tough place to fish for the bigger boats; smaller boats can pick on a good piece of bottom more readily.

Harold Anderson of Bay End Dock reports some good to better catches of flounders on the bay side of Breezy Point Jetty; also along the flats. The fish are of medium size, running up to ¾'s of a pound. Harold figures the best fishing to start within the next two weeks. One of the biggest problems, Harold claims, is the lack of fishermen.

Don Bingler, Vice President of the noted Kings Bay Striper Club, reports that they came in first in N.Y. in the famous Schaefer Fishing Contest, compiling 4,287 points on bass and bluefish. To all who know how this contest works, that's a lot of fish.

Dom Ambrico of Kings Bay along with other members of the club have also been doing a good job on the white perch and striped bass in the brackish waters of a small stream and pond along Sunrise Highway. Fish up to 3 lbs. were not rare. The best I could do on location is as follows: approximately 15 minutes past Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook going east near a baseball field close to East Rockaway. The stream and baseball field are both on the south side of Sunrise heading east. Best lures 1/8 to 1/16 oz. white or yellow bucktails, reeled slow and steady along the bottom (no jigging). Good luck.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station was enthused with the fair catches of small cod brought in by some of the local private boats. The cod mixed with whiting and herring were located approximately one mile south of the Fairway buoy in front of Silver Point, the best depth being 30 to 40 feet of water. Flounder fishing has shown a definite move in the right direction, with fair catches being made at Duck Point and also in Bannister Creek. One boat came in on Friday with 20 keepers up to 1 lb. A combination of bloodworms and clams did the trick. A wish of good health from all of us to Leon Miller of Henning's who is recuperating from a very serious illness.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the "Aloma II" reported that the flounder fishing was good in the area between Swift Creek and Long Creek. The flounders went to 1 lb. and they were plentiful. Clams were used as bait and the flatties loved them. Cod fishing is very slow.

Ronnie Feuring of Sea Isle called to say that the fishing in his general area is pretty slow. Most of the boats have been tied to the dock all week. Ron feels, judging by years past, that the good flounder fishing will start by next week. Evert Basset of Baldwin, Lou Stalker of Charvin Fishing Station, and Nate Lanzilotta of Mineola returned

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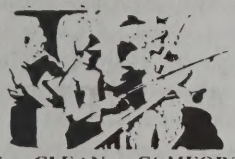

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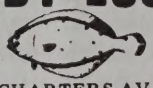

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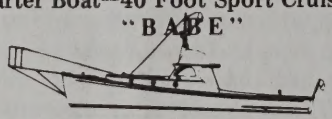

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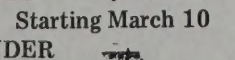

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head Township permission. (God preserve the beauteous North Fork of Long Island from the peril of the Bridge, from the Real Estate profiteers, and also from careless and self-centered visitors that do not as yet seem to know of its existence - or can it be that those who act differently elsewhere, are awed into shining knighthood by the beauty of Reeves Beach?).

On the south shore the Cheater's virtues have not been tested by me (I cannot do everything) - and hence to my knowledge it has not been tested there; I being the first to use this old-time rig for stripers on Long Island in contemporary days (OK?), or at least the first to try to make it known (a statement which is more surely OK). I suspect that spots like the Army Corps. Of Engineers' ugly Sore Thumb; the shore just west of this mess on any tide; and Cedar's main slight surf on high tide, could yield migrant bass to the Cheater in the early spring; just as up in Rhody surf at Napatree and the West Wall - and bye-bye bloodworms.

Vlad Evanoff of course knows this rig; and he described it for us before, quite rightly, as a pollack rig. This is a hint for those who may be trying - at Breezy Point even now - trying to revive this chilly part of our surfcasting tradition here on Long Island. They tell me that for pollack, also at Montauk . . . Good luck. If there are pollack, the Cheater will take them. And later it will take the first bass. Please let us know, Long Islanders; it is your lure now. And the thanks should go ultimately to Ted Wells, who one day early spring on the West Wall called me over: "Here, young man, look . . ."

Next Week, Part II: More Early Artificials.

GETTING READY

test mono on a U/L outfit. The addition of a teflon washer on the shaft, between spool and spool cup, can do wonders for an erratic drag tension.

Bail springs break with use and this is unavoidable. The only solution is to carry a spare spring or two with you while fishing. A drop of oil on both bail pivots will help somewhat, by easing the bail's operation. If you are unfortunate enough to break a bail spring, and have no spare, a temporary repair may be made by bending up the broken end of the spring into a new stud, and re-inserting it into the receiver hole.

The fiberglass rods in use today are the most trouble free ever designed. Those of us who own quality split bamboo fly rods, do so mainly for status and adherence to tradition; the action is not that much better, and they require constant care and attention. Though the fiberglass rod (fly or spin) can absorb a great deal of abuse without a whimper, there are some items that should be checked at least once each season.

Guide windings should be checked for fraying, and re-wound is necessary. A coat of color preservative and varnish completes the job. Varnish may also be applied to any chips in the rod's finish, but don't varnish the entire rod; the glass needs no such protection, and the action may even be impaired by repeated varnishing.

Look closely at the line guides and tip of your spin rod before they get so worn as to abraid the monofilament. To solve the wear problem for good, install carboloy guides and tip. The snake guides of a fly guide rarely show wear, due to the large diameter of fly lines (unless you use a shooting head, with mono backing - more on these next week). They do tend to accumulate old line dressing and adherent fluff, and should be cleaned out occasionally. A scrubbing of the rod's cork grip is strictly an option, as many like the well used appearance of dirty corks.

One unrelated fact: the small cork extension, seen on the butts of many salmon and steelhead fly rods, is an outgrowth of the long-butted English fly rods, which were designed for two handed casting.

Next week: the extras that can make all the difference to the serious trout fisherman.

THE BOAT AS A FISHING TOOL

River; as well as some of the very rocky reefs which are more like glacial boulder fields than anything else. In some instances, I also mean shallow, and very quiet bays and lagoons such as Turtle Cove in the Bronx, Udall's Cove itself, West Harbor near Bayville, and many, many more.

The best boat for this type of fishing, bar none, is the rubber life raft type discussed above. Here, such a silent ship is not just a handy adjunct, but the main tool. Rubber rafts are so silent that Lou Palma and I have often been splashed, literally, by feeding bass as they fed in complete security right next to our floating tube.

Let the tide or breeze push you across the feeding grounds, or anchor adjacent to the flowing current of a sea-bound stream. Work your lures right up to the gunwale and don't get shocked if the rod dips just as you lift the lure for another cast.

The second best sneak boat is a canoe, but not an aluminum one. Wooden or glass canoes are silent things, and I have enjoyed many a fine night on Long Island Sound in such a craft. There is a magic in canoes which enables one's imagination to transport one back to the days when the Montauks and the Mattinecocks traversed these virgin waters in vessels hewn of the tulip tree, pursuing the ancestors of today's bass and blues. Yet it's not just for the beauty of the past, but for the pleasures of the present that I like a canoe on the salt chuck. For one thing I can travel much greater distances in a canoe than I can in a rubber boat, without resorting to power. I can also negotiate stronger winds and currents - if I am not alone. (A solo canoe trip should only be made under ideal conditions in salt water due to the difficulty of handling such a boat in a strong wind - always a possibility.)

(3) Wild Shore Launching Boats

The only difference between such boats and surf fishermen's friends is that these boats are intended for constant use, and not just as accessory items. As such they tend to be larger, more well equipped, and are most often trailered. Tin boats again prevail here, although larger glass boats are entering into common use on several shores. 12' is a definite minimum here with 18' a maximum. The idea is a boat and rig which you can launch on any wild beach, launching ramp or not. You will need a four wheel drive vehicle and a trailer with large tires (unless you cartop). The boat, in addition to the basics outlined above should have a compass, first aid gear, and a live bait well (if you intend to bait fish).

Boats like this are regularly launched into the surf, and as such find application on all beaches at times. Bear in mind, though, that ideal conditions only rarely obtain on the south shore. The well-documented technique of poising in readiness at the waters' edge while the shape, size and pattern of waves is carefully studied, is employed. Some anglers like to rely exclusively on their motor for wave-clearing power, but if someone is with me I definitely have the other guy rowing like mad as I fool with the not-always-reliable outboard. Launching is tricky, and landing is dramatic, with full throttle re-entry on the back of a large breaking wave being the norm. Don't shut off the engine until you hit the shingle.

PART II - LARGE SMALL BOATS

ecently from a week of fabulous fishing t Bud and Mary's in Islomarada, Fla. Their host for the week was Jack (Jigs) Silber. Jack, one of our local sharpshooters, continued to prove his worth by showing the boys some very fast fishing for sails, kings, amberjacks and barracuda.

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MERRICK

Roy Greenberg of Merrick Marine tells of good flounder fishing taking place at the Incinerator and the Black Bank near the third Wantagh Bridge. Butch Erdman of Merrick Fishing Station has been returning with some pretty fair catches this past week. Al Scimeca of the East Bay Anglers had 25 keepers on Monday. He felt bloodworms produced the best results. Al's fishing was done at the second Wantagh Bridge.

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WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle reports the local flounder fishing in his area is fair to good. Decent catches of flatties up to 1 lb. have been taken at the Wantagh Park pier and also the Jones Beach pier. According to Frank, bloodworms are your best bet.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reports that they just opened for the season. Ken Smeker and Dennis Sabal of Massapequa returned with 20 good sized flounder and had 35 throwbacks. They fished between the 1st and 2nd bridges and at the Four Corners.

Lon Wanser, Jr. of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reports that those fishing the Jones Beach pier and local docks are taking nice catches of flounder. Not too many boats going out yet, but it's a good pick for those who do.

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AMITYVILLE

Marty of Sportackular reports the flounder fishing in the area surrounding Amityville is on the upswing. Most of the fish are on the small to medium size. A few of the local sharpshooters are doing a pretty good job on the fish, but no one is talking. It seems that the locations of their catches are being kept a big, dark secret.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin will start his daily flounder fishing trips on Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 A.M. daily.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the "Capt. Whittaker" reported that Saturday was a little sloppy with an east wind. Anglers took about 60 flounders ranging from ¾'s to one pound each. On Sunday the fishing was better in spite of the fog that existed. Over 150 fish were taken. Capt. Carl fished the area from Heckscher to Islip.

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MORICHES

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station reports that Skidmore's, Cerullo Brothers, Silly Lily and Tadsen's Fishing Station will all be open for the season the weekend of March 17th.

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MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the "Viking Star" reported that fishing is good. Most of the week cod were taken at the Block Island area. These cod are mostly small fish. On Sunday about 200 cod were taken. Mixed in with the catch were some snowshoe flounders of from 4½ to 6 lbs.

The report from the "Peconic Queen II" is that there is good fishing. Capt. Les Behan told us that the cod ran from about 15 to 30 lbs. The pool fish was a 29 lb. cod. This action took place at the Cartwright Grounds.

Capt. Richie Rade of the "Marlin III" also reported a catch of snowshoe flounders (about 7 fish) up to 5½ lbs. Mixed in with the small cod that were taken were pollack and a few blackfish. All these fish were small. The fishing took place at the Southwest Ledge.

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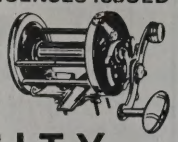

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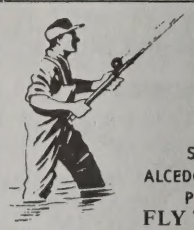

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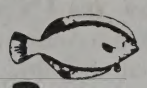

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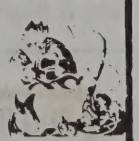

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Left, John and Kevin Kozalka win the "Easy Rider" Life Saving Award donated by Capt. John Sekora. Right, Leon Bruckner wins the Larry Runey Memorial Trophy for life saving at sea. Center and far right, BTC President George Mussler and Steve Pace . . . Photos by FRED GUARDINEER.

The Sound Surf Fishing Club of Northport, N.Y. held its Trophy Night Dinner on February 26, 1973 in East Northport . . .

The Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club Inc. held an annual dinner dance on February 17, 1973 . . .

Ted Ness was elected P.R. Chairman of the Baldwin Rod & Gun Club this year. The following are this year's officers: President, Bill Albrect; Vice President, John Traynor; Secretary, Lee Hoovler; Corresponding Secretary, Ed Brittain; Recording Secretary, Al Bobrow. Club awards will be handed out at the next meeting and will cover fishing, hunting, and pistol shooting . . .

Santo's Sport Shop of Staten Island reports that the Staten Island Spinning Club tagged a total of 1.075 stripers for the year 1972; and also 39 weakfish; 31 blues; and 5 fluke. During 1972 tags were returned from such areas as Delaware, Orient Point, Chesapeake Bay, Boston, Sandy Hook and Virginia . . .

Coop City Anglers held their third annual dinner dance on January 27. Over 270 anglers and their guests dined, drank and danced to Shelly Wald's orchestra at the Drieser Loop Community Center. John Kaspar received a plaque for his service to this club. Sal Martingano received a major award for the largest species, salt water, a bluefish of 16 lbs. 12 ozs. And Jack Paness got it for the fresh water, a 5 lb. 8 oz. pickerel. The club's highest: Sportsman of the Year, went to Luigi Racanelli . . . Dick Alley was guest speaker at a subsequent meeting on February 7 . . .

Word from Aycock Brown, Dare County Tourist Bureau, Manteo, North Carolina. NAVY MAN LANDS BIG CAPE HATTERAS BLUEFISH – Terry Rienzie, USS "Hermitage" (LSD-34), a subscriber of L.I. Fisherman, landed a 19½ pound bluefish in the surf at Cape Hatteras. His fish was caught on 15 lb. test line. It measured 37 inches in length and 10 inches around the girth, and was the largest blue of several hundred caught in the Cape Hatteras N.C. surf with rod and reel during January and February, this year.

Harry Loud, Vice President of the Bass & Bluefish Association of Long Island announced that due to the success of last year and by popular demand, a 2nd Trophy Bass Seminar, sponsored by the Bass & Bluefish Association of L.I., will be held Friday, May 11, 1973 at 8 PM at the East Meadow Republican Club, Newbridge Road and 8th Street, East Meadow (about 1 mile south of Hempstead Turnpike). By request the BBALI has once again been fortunate in obtaining Ronnie Lepper, skipper of the KIM to oversee at this seminar. This will be roughly a 3 to 4 hour discussion on advanced bass fishing, with time for questions and answers. Tickets for the seminar are $3.00 and may be purchased in advance by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Marty Harper, 1879 Gerald Ave., East Meadow, N.Y. 11554. Those wishing to purchase tickets at the door may do so providing tickets are still available. Seating is limited to 175 persons so your purchase guarantees your admittance.

Club Standings: Hudson Point, 1,262 lbs.; Tournament Anglers, 1,205 lbs.; Bay Shore Tuna, 1,091 lbs.; Amity Harbor Anglers, 893 lbs.; Babylon Tuna Club, 859 lbs.; Freeport Tuna, 812 lbs.

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Mon.	1:19	2:02
Tues.	2:29	3:13
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DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	12:53	1:18
Fri.	1:40	2:07
Sat.	2:29	3:01
Sun.	3:30	4:08
Mon.	4:37	5:46
Tues.	6:20	7:22
Wed.	7:50	8:25
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Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
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DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	1:05	1:33
Fri.	1:52	2:24
Sat.	2:44	3:19
Sun.	3:45	4:23
Mon.	4:50	5:33
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Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
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Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
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DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	11:30	11:53
Fri.	--------	12:25
Sat.	12:46	1:24
Sun.	1:48	2:30
Mon.	2:57	3:43
Tues.	4:09	4:53
Wed.	5:17	5:56
Thur.	6:20	6:52

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
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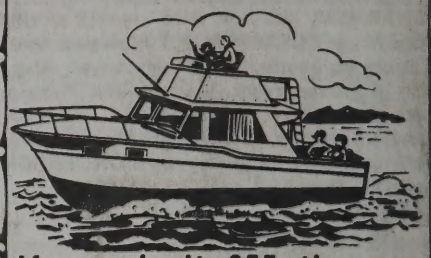

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